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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO ISLAMABAD INFO AMCONSUL LAHORE
FROM KARACHI 20 JULY 1977 RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION.

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1. RAINS ON JUNE 29 AND JUNE 30 CAUSED HEAVY LOSSES
TO LIFE AND PROPERTY IN KARACHI. THE HEAVY RAINS COUPLED WITH
HIGH TIDE, WHICH PRECLUDED THE CITY RAIN WATER FROM REACHING
THE SEA, INUNDATED MUCH OF THE CITY AND MOST OF THE LOW LYING
AREAS WERE FLOODED.

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WM OVER 400 LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST AND CONSIDERABLE
PROPERTY DAMAGE IS REPORTED. SO FAR NO ESTIMATE OF LOSSES
TO PROPERTY, ESPECIALLY TO KARACHI'S WIDESPREAD INDUSTRIAL
UNITS, IS AVAILABLE. ONLY ONE NEWSPAPER, THE DAILY BUSINESS
RECORDER, IN ITS ISSUE OF JULY 4 ESTIMATED INDUSTRIAL LOSSES
DUE TO RAINS AT RS. 1,000 MILLION. MANY NEWSPAPERS
SUBSEQUENTLY RELIED ON THIS FIGURE IN THEIR EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

3. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL "INDUSTRIAL-LOSSES CELL" TO TAKE A SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL LOSSES. THE ALL PAKISTAN TEXTILE MILLS ASSOCIATION, THE KARACHI SILK AND RAYON MILLS ASSOCIATION, THE KORANGI INDUSTRIAL AREA ASSOCIATION, THE SITE ASSOCIATION OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND OTHER TRADE ASSOCIATIONS ARE ALSO SOLICITING INFORMATION ABOUT LOSSES FROM THEIR MEMBERS. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS ALSO ESTIMATING LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE INDUSTRIAL UNITS.

4. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS WHICH SUFFERED MOST INCLUDE LANDHI, KORANGI, SHERSHAH AND TO SOME EXTENT, THE SIND INDUSTRIAL TRADING ESTATES(SITE). BESIDES DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS AND MACHINERY, MOST OF THE STOCKS OF RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED GOODS AT EFFECTED ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE EITHER BEEN TOTALLY LOST OR BADLY DAMAGED. MANY TEXTILE MILL REPORT LOSSES OF STORED RAW COTTON. THE WORST DAMAGE WAS IN THE KORANGI AREA WITH ITS REFINERIES, TEXTILE MILLS, PAPER MANUFACTURERS AND TANNERS. REPORTEDLY, THE NATIONAL REFINERY WITH ITS 2 MILLION TONS PER YEAR CAPACITY WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO MONTHS. A PAPER MANUFACTURER REPORTS LOSS OF BETWEEN RS. 3.5 AND RS. 5.0 MILLION IN STOCK. TANNERS LOCATED IN THE LANDHI-KORANGI AREA CLAIM DAMAGES OF BETWEEN RS. 80 AND 100 MILLION. OWNERS OF THE OVER 2,000 SMALL SILK MILLS LOCATED IN SHERSHAH AREA CLAIM TO HAVE LOST RAW MATERIALS AND STOCKS WORTH BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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RS. 30 AND 40 MILLION. THEIR BUILDINGS AND MACHINERY HAS ALSO BEEN BADLY DAMAGED. THESE UNITS CONSISTS OF 4 TO 6 LOOMS EACH.

5. IN ADDITION TO LOSSES TO BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, STOCKS OF RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED GOODS, MOST INDUSTRIAL UNITS ARE LOSING PRODUCTION DUE TO WORKER-ABSENTEISM, REPAIR AND CLEANING OF MACHINERY, FREQUENT POWER BREAKDOWNS, AND DISRUPTION IN WATER SUPPLIES.

6. THE INDUSTRIALISTS THROUGH THEIR TRADE ORGANIZATIONS ARE SEEKING GOVERNMENT HELP FOR REHABILITATION. SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THEM INCLUDE: (A) INTEREST FREE LOANS, (B) REBATE IN EXCISE AND CUSTOMS DUTIES ON STOCKS OF IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED GOODS THAT WERE DESTROYED, AND (C) IMPORT LICENCES FOR REPLENSHING RAW MATERIALS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOST TRADE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS LOSSES OF THEIR MEMBERS AND HAVE ISSUED QUESTIONNAIRES SOLICITING INFORMATION, THE RESPONSE FROM MEMBARS IS REPORTEDLY VERY POOR. THE SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL LOSSES CELL ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HAS RECEIVED ONLY 20 RESPONSES SO FAR AND IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVEN MAKE A GUESTIMATE OF TOTAL DAMAGES. THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER TRADE ORGANIZATIONS IS SIMILAR.

8. DELAY IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONNAIRES BY MEMBERS HAS TWO CAUSES. FIRST, THE MEMBERS ARE BUSY RE-STARTING THEIR OPERATIONS AND DO NOT WANT TO WASTE TIME IN FILLING OUT THE LENGTHY FORMS WHICH REQUIRE A GENUINE ACCOUNTING EFFORT TO ESTIMATE LOSSES. SECOND, BECAUSE THE INDUSTRIALISTS ARE SEEKING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, THEY MAY NOT WISH TO COMMIT THEMSELVES AT THIS TIME, TO THE CHAMBER QUESTIONNAIRE.

9. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY, NO RELIABLE ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES IS LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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